

Application No. 09/994,492
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Amendments to the Abstract

ABSTRACT

A ligamentum teres femoris cutter configured for severing the ligamentum teres femoris prior to dislocating the femoral head from the acetabulum. The ligamentum teres femoris cutter includes a curved head for insertion between the femoral head and the acetabulum. The curved head of the ligamentum teres femoris includes a distal portion having a blade spanning a pair of joint spacers having a thickness whereby the spacing between the femoral head and the acetabulum is extended to tension the ligamentum teres femoris to facilitate severing the ~~tendon~~ ligament.